

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No.

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Whereas, Katie Gearlds, the 6-foot, 1-inch guard from Beech Grove High School, has been named the 2003 Indiana Miss Baskethall:

Whereas, Katie's accomplishments on the court have made her an Indiana basketball legend in the same light as Damon Bailey, whose play she often used to motivate herself to greater heights;

Whereas, Katie led the state in scoring this year with a 30.1 points per game average, finished fourth on the state's career scoring chart with 2,521 points, and was ranked as the 43rd best player in the country by Women's Basketball Magazine;

Whereas, Katie has been a consistent force on the court for Beech Grove all four years of her career, averaging 23.7 points per game as a freshman, 27.1 points as a sophomore, and 26.5 points per game as a junior;

Whereas, Katie is equally as proficient on defense as she is on offense with five steals per game as a freshman, six as a sophomore, and 4.1 as a junior;

Whereas, Katie was named the 2003 Patricia L. Roy Mental Attitude Award winner following the Lady Hornets' Class 3A state championship victory;



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Whereas, During the 2003 Class 3A championship game, Katie set several new Class 3A records - the most points scored with 33, the most field goals made with 13, the most field goals attempted with 31, and tied the record for most blocked shots with four;

Whereas, Katie's success has not been limited to the confines of the Indiana basketball courts. She has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Most Valuable Player of the 2002 AAU National Championships after leading Indiana's Finest Black Cats to the title, an AAU All American, a McDonald's All American, and one of 48 high school players to participate in the 2002 USA Basketball Women's Youth Development Festival in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where she averaged 10 points and four rebounds for the North Team;

Whereas, Katie has been successful off the basketball court as well, ranking eighth in her class of 135 and maintaining a 3.6 grade point average on a 4.0 scale;

Whereas, Katie will be heading to Purdue University on a basketball scholarship to play for coach Kristy Curry, who has labeled her a "consummate team player"; and

Whereas, Katie Gearlds is a true basketball legend who helps those around her attain levels of excellence that would otherwise be beyond their reach: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to congratulate Katie Gearlds on her selection at the 2003 Indiana Miss Basketball and to wish her continued success at Purdue University.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Katie Gearlds and her family; head coach Dawn McNew; assistant coaches Mark Parker, Steve Cox, Dean McNew, Tony Pickett, and Melinda Rhynes; athletic director Chris Yentes; Principal Harvey W. Warrner; Vice

9 Principal Rande Clevenger; and Superintendent Dr. Rex Sager.

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